

Appln. No.: 09/821,338
Amndt. Dated April 13, 2004
Reply to Office Action dated January 13, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. In the Office Action dated January 13, 2004, claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention.

The Examiner also requested a substitute specification rewritten in proper idiomatic English in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(a) and (b).

I. Objections to the Specification

The Examiner requested that the specification be rewritten in proper idiomatic English in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(a) and (b). A substitute specification compliant with 37 CFR 1.52(a) and (b) has been submitted herewith. No new matter has been added. A marked version is also provided for the Examiner's convenience.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

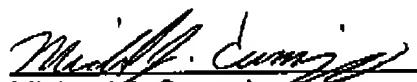
The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Claims 1-5 have been amended to correct the grammatical and idiomatic errors. No new matter has been added. Identified antecedent basis and clarity problems have been corrected, as seen in the amended claims above.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are now in a condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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